

Council on Postsecondary Education
March 24, 2006

Tuition and Fee Proposal
Exceptions

Two institutions presenting at the March 24 meeting, Morehead State University and KCTCS, have submitted tuition proposals for consideration by the Council that require exceptions to the parameters. These exceptions will be presented to the Council for action with other exceptions from institutions presenting at the April 5 meeting.

Morehead State University

Morehead State University has requested that an exception be made to the parameter requiring nonresidents to pay at least 1.75 times the resident rate. Morehead requests the nonresident rate be 1.25 times the resident rate for students in targeted counties in neighboring states and select urban areas. Based on 2005 enrollment, this exception will apply to 508 or 5.6 percent of Morehead students. Morehead argues that the discounted rate is crucial to recruitment and retention of high-performing out-of-state students and also to the recruitment of minority students. If this exception is not approved, the tuition rate for Morehead State University nonresident students from contiguous counties and select urban areas will be the minimum rate allowable under the Council's parameters, 1.75 times the resident rate.

KCTCS

KCTCS has requested that an exception be made to the nonresident tuition parameter for students in contiguous counties. KCTCS requests that nonresidents in contiguous counties be charged 1.2 times the resident rate instead of the parameter of 1.75 times the resident rate. Based on 2005 enrollment, the exception will apply to 410 students or 0.48 percent of students attending KCTCS. KCTCS argues that a continuation of its current nonresident tuition structure will yield more tuition revenue than a strict adherence to the Council's parameter, 1.75 times the resident rate for all nonresident students. KCTCS current nonresident tuition structure is 1.2 times the resident rate for students in contiguous counties and 3.0 times the resident rate for all other nonresident students. Twenty-five percent of all KCTCS' nonresident students are from contiguous counties. If this exception is not approved, the tuition rate for KCTCS nonresident students from contiguous counties will be the minimum rate allowable under the Council's parameters, 1.75 times the resident rate or \$191 per credit hour.